

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-60. (Cancelled)

Claim 61. (Currently amended) An image transfer carrier for transferring an image onto a substrate, said carrier comprising:

a ~~paper~~ backing sheet; and

a an image transfer layer comprising polymethylpentene, the image transfer layer being applied directly on the backing sheet to provide a surface onto which ~~an~~ a toner image can be created or onto which a preliminary transfer of an image can be made formed with the toner fusing with portions of the image transfer layer;

~~the paper being of a weight in the range of about 90 grams/m<sup>2</sup> to about 110 grams/m<sup>2</sup> and the polymethylpentene layer being of a weight in the range of about 10 grams/m<sup>2</sup> to about 30 grams/m<sup>2</sup>~~

the direct application of the image transfer layer to the backing sheet facilitating release of the portions of the image transfer layer with toner fused therewith to a target object in an image transfer operation wherein the carrier is heated and pressed against the target object and then removed therefrom to leave the portions of the image transfer layer with the toner fused therewith on the target object.

62. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim ~~61~~ 67, wherein the paper is of a weight in the range of 90 grams/m<sup>2</sup> to 110 grams/m<sup>2</sup> and the ~~polymethylpentene image transfer~~ layer is of a weight in the range of 10 grams/m<sup>2</sup> to 30 grams/m<sup>2</sup>.

63. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 62, wherein the image transfer polymethylpentene layer is of a weight of 25 grams/m<sup>2</sup>.

64. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 62, wherein the paper is of a weight of 100 grams/m<sup>2</sup>.

65. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 63, wherein the paper is of a weight of 100 grams/m<sup>2</sup>.

66. (Previously presented) A carrier according to claim 61, wherein a reverse surface of the paper opposite the image transfer layer ~~comprising polymethylpentene~~ has a layer comprising polyethylene.

67. (New) A carrier according to claim 61, wherein the backing sheet is paper.

68. (New) A carrier according to claim 61, wherein the image transfer layer is applied at a uniform thickness.